



## Restating State Street

Reinventing State Street has generated lots of enthusiasm and plans for an exciting and inviting future. Starting with a new roundabout on Tapawingo Drive, the riverfront's fresh look includes a four-lane boulevard with street trees and rain gardens, wider sidewalks for strolling or outdoor dining at Wabash Landing, separated bike paths, art, greenspace, and a warm welcome to West Lafayette!

Continuing west, you'll feed through another roundabout on River Road as State Street approaches the Village. It's all two-way traffic with wider sidewalks and a bigger plaza near Greyhouse Coffee with festive overhead lighting for outdoor events. Attractive, permanent railings will be in place for pedestrian safety (no more ugly barricades), and bike lanes will be separated from the street by attractive trees.

As you seamlessly travel from the Downtown District, you'll enter the vibrant campus with a continuous canopy of beautiful trees sheltering

generous spaces for gathering, walking, biking, or traveling by bus or car. The University District is distinctly pedestrian-oriented to accommodate the student population in a pleasing green environment.

Further down State is the Gateway District which ends at the US 231 Corridor. Serving as the western entrance to West Lafayette, its design will invite more activity with four-lane travel and a multi-use path for biking or walking along the tree-lined street. Access to the Purdue airport and the potential to develop the area are exciting prospects for the future. The collaboration between West Lafayette, Purdue, and the Purdue Research Foundation provides cohesiveness of design and additional funding resources for the project. Eat, shop, exercise, gather, work, study, relax. Welcome to the new State Street - coming soon. For the complete scoop, read the Executive Summary under Hot Topics on the City's website.

## Trail Trek

Trail Trek, a wellness program initiated by the City's Health Promotion Committee for its employees, will be available to the public starting September 1. Trail guides and clues are available at the Lilly Nature Center or can be printed from the City's website. Clues direct

you to tags along the City's stellar trails. Each tag lists a word or words that will form two wellness-themed phrases upon location of all 15 tags. Grab a friend and enjoy the cooler temperatures and fall foliage while exploring the miles of trails in your community.





Mayor's Column

## Just Move Your Mouse

We're embracing change like it's our business. To keep you best informed on what's happening in West Lafayette from art to farmers markets to roadwork to utilities, we use multiple technologies to reach out to you. All you need to do is to move your mouse

or swipe your phone.

I encourage you to watch my Fun with the Mayor video blog:

**www.funwiththemayor.com**. It's an entertaining and informative way to address your most frequently asked questions or concerns. Like "What's that smell?" or "My neighbor's grass is knee high" or "What's going on with all this roadwork?" We are serious about our work, but don't take ourselves too seriously in these videos where I interview the people that make the City tick. And don't miss the outtakes.

Addicted to Facebook? Great! Follow us at West Lafayette – City Government for news, upcoming events, and photos that matter to you. It's a great way to make it personal while staying informed. Even the West Lafayette Farmers Market and the Police Department have Facebook pages, as well as Morton Community Center, West Lafayette Tree Friends, West Lafayette Public Arts Team, Art on the Wabash and Art in Bloom.

Twitter more your style? Go to **https://twitter.com/WestLafayetteIN** to get up-to-date tweets or to send them. Our website **www.wl.in.gov** covers breaking news and hot topics, provides broad coverage of all of our departments, local events, and archives documents and newsletters from years past. No matter which technology you prefer, up-to-date information is only a click, swipe, or tweet away. Have a great fall and welcome to West Lafayette!

## All Things Art

A sure sign of a vibrant community can be seen in its investment in art and culture and has been keeping the West Lafayette Public Arts Team busy! Look for innovative public art springing up throughout the City in the coming months. On the newly-refurbished corner of Salisbury and Navajo Streets, large 12-foot tall statues called 'Commune' will take up residence. Created by award-winning artists, Quincy Owens and Luke Crawley, the tall art pieces are made from recycled materials to represent various societal beliefs living in harmony.

Unexpected art found in unexpected places humanizes our everyday environment. *Tiny Places* is an upcoming project of the Public Arts Team to brighten up and animate ordinary items in the Village with tiny artwork, made to delight and surprise the viewer. Aaron Bumgarner, a local artist, will complete this by mid-September. Keep your eyes open – you never know what you will find!

In support of the Art Museum of Greater Lafayette, we purchased a bear. The bear has an urban, patchwork

## Meet & Greet

We're rolling out the welcome mat to Purdue students on Tuesday, August 26 at 6 pm in the near-campus neighborhoods of New Chauncey, Hills and Dales, and Northwestern Heights.

Along with members of the Community Partnership Teams, Mayor John Dennis is joined by Purdue administrators, students, police and WL staff members in a collaborative effort to personally meet new residents and provide helpful tips and information on how to be a good neighbor, including the popular, "How to Host a Party without Getting Busted" refrigerator magnet.

Volunteers are welcome to join the meet and greet team. Gather at 6 PM at Wang Hall.



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Art washes from  
the soul the dust  
of everyday life.

Pablo Picasso

look and sports a pair of ice skates to reflect our popular Dare to Bare event. Local artist Zach Medler was commissioned to bring our bear to life. Look for it as it travels to help promote the program that rolls out more extensively next May.

Look twice when you pass the old Where Else? Bar on State Street and Northwestern Avenue - there will be some new faces in the windows. Local artist Alex Monik of Tippecanoe Arts Federation's ComArt group is creating a storyboard of silhouettes on the boarded windows to liven up the place.

Proposals for more public art along Tapawingo Drive are on the drawing board to invigorate spaces and create smiling faces.

Did you enjoy 'Play Me, I'm Yours,' in July? Pianos were placed throughout the downtown areas of Lafayette and West Lafayette by the Tippecanoe Music Teachers Association. They plan to expand this program to include more pianos for a longer period of time in 2016 so keep practicing!

Patches by Zach Medler



## Development Updates

Development Director Chandler Poole shares news of exciting growth within City limits.

The Anvil, an enterprising group of Purdue entrepreneurs, will be relocating to the former University Church building at 320 North Street in September. The group has grown to include 70 members and seven startup companies in the two years since its inception. Although primarily student-run, the City of West Lafayette hopes other like-minded entrepreneurs who need a co-working space to form their businesses will join the dynamic group.

Matt O'Neill, owner and chef who originally hailed from Ireland, is transforming the former Spurlock's restaurant on North River Road into a class-act destination eatery for Purdue visitors and locals, alike. His restaurant, Town & Gown Bistro, is slated to open this fall serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.

The 720 Northwestern building across from Mackey Arena is the first modern urban project in the City which include Fresh City Market, CVS, Jimmy John's, Regions Bank and FUSE apartments within the six-story structure. It also houses two levels of underground parking.

## Starry Night Festival

Imagine a beautiful summer night, filled with stories and song. Imagine all the people talking, tweeting, eating under a star spangled sky. Imagine connecting with fellow festival-goers through writing stories and creating art. Imagine no more. The Starry Night Festival returns to West Lafayette on Saturday, September 13 from 7 pm - midnight between South Street and Northwestern Avenue in the Village. Campus House sponsors the free family event to promote Read to Succeed, a literacy initiative for local youth.



## Buckled Up and Ready to Go



*Be aware of the new mid-block safety crossings near Tapawingo Park and the West Lafayette Farmers Market. Pedestrians need to push the button to activate the stop light; drivers need to yield to all pedestrians.*

Public Works Director Dave Buck gives an update on a record number of construction projects underway and ready to get started this fall.

**Mid-Block Crossings** have been installed at the West Lafayette Farmers Market on Salisbury Street and at Wabash Landing on Tapawingo Drive. The new signalized mid-block crossings were paid for with a safety grant from the Federal Highway Administration and built by Rieth Riley to provide safe and convenient access to these popular West Lafayette destinations.

**The Salisbury Street project** from Rainbow Drive to Sagamore Parkway is heading into the home stretch with new road reconstruction and the installation of a new traffic signal. The goal is to have everything completed with all traffic lanes available by mid-August for the new school year. All ADA-accessible traffic signal improvements along Salisbury have been completed for better timing coordination to improve traffic flow. This technology will be extremely useful to help alleviate traffic jams, especially during football games or when accidents occur.

**Community Development Block Grant** funds paid for the installation of replacement sidewalks, curbs, and ramps on 4th Street between Russell and University Streets.

**The Northwestern Avenue project** from Grant Street to Dodge Street is underway to include safety improvements and new pedestrian crossings in the Mackey Arena area. Coordinated traffic signal timings will make it safer for pedestrians to cross the street, and additional railings will be installed to calm traffic and direct would-be jay walkers to legal crosswalks.

**The Cumberland Avenue project** from Salisbury Street to Soldiers Home Road is in its last and longest phase of reconstruction, which started in July and will continue into the fall of 2015.

We appreciate your patience during road improvements and utility movements. Milestone Contractors was awarded the project with a low bid of \$4.8M.

**The Happy Hollow Road project** from River Road to Sagamore Parkway is estimated to begin construction around Labor Day. Initially, the intersection of River Road and Happy Hollow Road will be reconstructed, and will be followed by a new culvert for Happy Hollow Creek under the roadway. The road will be completely rebuilt and will include new curbs, trails, sidewalks and drainage improvements. The approximate cost of this project is \$6M with 80% from federal gas tax funds coming back to our community.

**Navajo Sidewalk Improvements** from Salisbury Street to Indian Trail Drive and some minor drainage corrections were completed by Fairfield Contractors and funded by the Redevelopment Commission and the Sagamore Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district.

**Street Resurfacing** is happening across the city. Approximately \$600K is being invested to repair or resurface select locations, such as Grant Street, Navajo Street, Russell Street, Sheridan Road, and Western Drive to name a few. For all roadwork project information, go to [www.wl.in.gov](http://www.wl.in.gov) and click on the construction sign icon on the home page.

Buckle up ... It makes it harder for the aliens to suck you out of your car.

Unknown





Brooch by Lisa Welch

## Travel the World without Luggage

Global Fest is the perfect opportunity to see the world without leaving West Lafayette. Held on Saturday, August 30 from 10 am – 9 pm at Morton Community Center, Global Fest celebrates West Lafayette's rich diversity of cultures. Enjoy international food, music, dance, crafts, and displays from local citizens, Purdue clubs and local organizations. Free continuous live stage entertainment, numerous cultural displays and engaging children's activities, such as origami, will be featured during the festival held on Labor Day weekend. Don't forget to get your passport stamped during this unique around-the-world trip! Admission is free.

## Where's Johnny? Guide to finding City offices

If you need to find Mayor John Dennis or any of the City officials, don't bother going to City Hall. Extensive water damage and mold necessitated moving all City offices to temporary locations. The Mayor's Office is at Morton Community Center, Rm. 105. The Clerk-Treasurer (utility billing & parking tickets), and Human Resources have moved to the WL Police Station on Navajo. The Development and Engineering Departments are located in Morton Community Center, Rm. 108, and the Rental Certification and I.T. moved to Fire Station 1 on North Street. You may still drop off utility payments in the afterhours drop box in the City Hall parking lot.

## Art on the Wabash A juried local artists' fair

Surround yourself with some of the best local art you can find in our 15-county radius. The juried artists will display and sell a variety of handcrafted or painted items, ranging from jewelry, watercolors, pottery, glass, pastels, gourds, and photography. The 8th annual Art on the Wabash will be held on Sunday, September 21 from 10 am – 4 pm at Tapawingo Park under the cottonwood trees on the Wabash River. Food and drinks will be available for purchase from EMT (Emergency Munchie Truck), the Parthenon, Whyte Horse Winery, and Greyhouse Coffee. Live music sets the mood for a delightful day outdoors.

A BIG THANKS to Larry Oates of KitchenArt who has sponsored this event each and every year. He provides all sponsorship funding, snacks and t-shirts for the artists and volunteers, and is a valued partner in all aspects of event planning for Art on the Wabash. Our heARTfelt thanks!



## Hold the Clippings, Please

Bagged grass clippings are no longer accepted in trash pickups due to rising landfill costs, but there are many advantages to leaving them in your lawn. For more helpful hints on lawn care, see the Purdue Extension publication, *Taking Care of Your Yard* (HO-236-W).

## City News

### RETIREMENTS

#### Ed Smith

Police Dept.  
Parking Control Officer

#### Mark Gosney

Police Dept.  
Police Officer First Class

#### David Downey

Street & Sanitation Dept.  
Street Commissioner

### NEW HIRES

#### Sonja Wood

Parks & Recreation Dept.  
P-T Office Assistant

#### Curtis Shidler

Fire Dept.  
Entry Level Firefighter

#### Caleb Church

Fire Dept.  
Entry Level Firefighter

#### Michael Alt

Fire Dept.  
Entry Level Firefighter

#### Erin Cooper

Engineering Dept.  
Office Manager

#### Jamie Hamilton

Police Dept.  
Probationary Patrol  
Dispatcher

#### Anna Saylor

Police Dept.  
Probationary Patrol Dispatcher

#### Edward Garrison

Engineering Dept.  
Engineering Assistant

#### John Barton

Wastewater Treatment Utility  
Maintenance/Operator

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## Let's Go Event Calendar

### Drug Drop-off

Thursdays | 11:30 am – 1:30 pm  
September 11 « October 9  
November 13  
WL Police Station

### City Hall CLOSED

September 1 | Labor Day  
November 4 | General Election Day  
November 11 | Veterans' Day  
November 27 - 28 | Thanksgiving  
December 25 - 26 | Christmas  
January 1 | New Year's Day

### Wednesdays in the Wild

Wednesdays | Lilly Nature Center  
[www.wl.in.gov/parks](http://www.wl.in.gov/parks)

### West Lafayette Farmers Market

Wednesdays | Cumberland Park  
August hours | 4 - 8 pm  
September & October hours | 4 - 7 pm  
**Pre-Thanksgiving Bonus Day**  
November 26 | 3 - 5 pm

### Mosey Down Main Street

Saturday | August 30  
6 pm - 11 pm  
Downtown Lafayette

### Beers Across the Wabash

Saturday | August 23 | 2 - 6 pm  
Riehle Plaza

### Uptown Jazz and Blues Festival

Saturday | August 23 | 5 pm - midnight  
Downtown Lafayette

### Purdue Meet and Greet

Tuesday | August 26 | 6 pm  
Wang Hall

### Global Fest

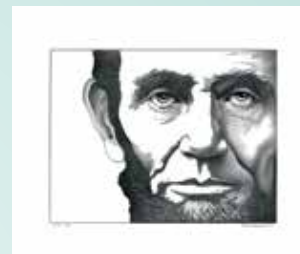
Saturday | August 30 | 10 am - 9 pm  
Morton Community Center

### Saint Boniface GermanFest

Saturday, Sept. 6 4:30-11pm  
Free admission

### Starry Night Art & Music Festival

Saturday | September 13  
7 pm - midnight  
South Street and  
Northwestern Avenue



Graphite  
Doug Irwin

**Art on the Wabash-** a local artists' fair  
Sunday | September 21 | 10 am - 4 pm  
Tapawingo Park

### Feast of the Hunters' Moon

Saturday | October 4 | 9 am - 5 pm  
Sunday | October 5 | 9 am - 4 pm  
Fort Ouiatenon

### Purdue Boilermaker Half-Marathon and 5K

Saturday | October 18 | 8 am  
Ross-Ade Stadium  
[www.purduehalf.com](http://www.purduehalf.com)

### .1K

Saturday | October 19  
Check-in 1 pm | Start time 3 pm  
Rubia Flower Market parking lot

